



1—Red Cross and other organizations at the Statue of Liberty, Bedford's Island, paying tribute to the memory of Florence Nightingale. 2—British troops executing Turkish murderers at Ischia. 3—Thomas A. Le Breton, ambassador to the U. S. from Argentina.

## NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

### Small Nations Asserting Themselves in Meeting of the League Assembly.

### HYMANS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Early Admission of Germany Seems Likely — Soviet Russia, Having Crushed Wrangel, Is in Strong Position — Greeks May Restore Constantinople to Throne.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

No sooner had the assembly of the League of Nations got down to business in its first meeting in Geneva than signs of discord between the groups of large and small nations appeared. Up to date the latter have been the better of the argument, and the fears of persons who thought the League would be dominated by Great Britain, France, Italy and perhaps Japan are somewhat allayed. Indeed, the representatives of those four nations were by no means in accord on all points. The Italians placed themselves in opposition to French propositions, and the various British dominions did not agree with the mother country.

A most interesting development of the week was the announcement that Spain would join with Great Britain, France and Belgium in petitioning the League to accept membership in the league. The French had objected that this subject did not appear on the agenda, but Tittoni of Italy declared the whole world demanded the admission of the enemy states and would not accept the excuse that their application had not been received in time. Sir Robert Cecil, who represented South Africa, appeared to side with Tittoni.

It was decided that six commissions should handle the work of the assembly. The first is to take care of general organization; the second technical organization; the third the international court of justice; the fourth finance; the fifth admission of new members; and the sixth reduction of armaments, blockade and military pressure on permanent breaking states and mandates.

When these commissions were named, on Wednesday, the supporters of the immediate admission of Germany scored another victory in the election of Delegate Humeau of Chile as president of the commission. He is Doctor Blanco of Cuba was named vice president. The French were surprised and chagrined at not receiving this presidency for Viviani, but they had been already put at a disadvantage by the naming of Bourgeois as head of the third commission. It had been supposed that Great Britain, because of her naval power, would get the presidency of the commission dealing with disarmament and blockade of covenant breaking states and with mandates, but here again the smaller nations showed their independence by giving the place to Delegate Branding of Sweden. The French, Italian and English delegations went a point Tuesday when it was decided that the commissions might, if they wished, sit in camera and need not be minutes of their sessions. Cecil protested in vain against this.

Delegate Payretton of the Argentine told the assembly that his delegation believed all recognized nations must belong to the league to make it effective and to avoid the danger of the organization of a rival league. He said that a former must be found to permit the United States to come in, and demanded that the league be made more democratic by electing all the members of the council in the assembly, instead of allowing the big powers to name a majority of them, as at present.

**MIGHT HAVE SLAIN BUDENNY**  
American Flyers Spared Bolshevik Leader Because of the Presence of His Wife and Baby.

Warsaw.—American flyers composing the Kościuszko squadron of the Polish army have had many opportunities to bomb the train of six cars which General Budenny, the Bolshevik cavalry leader, used as headquarters at the front, but they always refused to do so because they knew his wife and baby lived on board the train.

On several occasions when the Budenny special was located by the Americans they knew pretty well that the cavalry commander was at his traveling home for a visit with his wife and younger, but they always let pass the chance to do him or his train any damage.

It was reported some time ago that Budenny had been wounded by a bomb explosion fired by one of the American flyers while he was engaged in one of his spectacular raids on the southern Polish front before the armistice was declared.

It was also said he had taken up arms against the Reds, and that he might join forces with Wrangel.

General Budenny is a Cuban Cosack and was a sergeant major in the old Imperial Russian army. He has been many times from the air by Americans, and is described as a short, stocky man, with an intelligent countenance despite the wild outdoor life he has led for years.

**VESSEL LINES IN TROUBLE**  
George W. Sterling Appointed Receiver for Eight Atlantic Steamship Companies.

New York.—George W. Sterling, assistant director of operations for the United States shipping board, was appointed receiver for eight Atlantic steamship companies.

Marsh & McLennan, New York insurance agents, brought the suit. They claimed \$27,325 for insurance premiums on vessels owned by the defendants. Outstanding obligations of the lines were said to exceed \$1,500,000, assets not given.

The companies, said to be known as "Morse lines," were: The Pawnee, Englewood, Galesburg, Aescutney, Arcadia, Andalusia, Pequot and the Atlantic Adriatic Steamship corporations. The last-named is the holding corporation for the others, each named after ships.

W. Davis Conrad, a United States shipping board attorney, issued, through the office of the defendants' attorney, a statement that falling freight rates had caused "temporary financial difficulty," and added, "there is no criticism of Mr. R. W. Morse's administration of this (the holding) company, in so far as the facts are now developed." B. W. Morse is a son of C. W. Morse and is chief stockholder in the lines.

The statement expressed hope that improved conditions would close the receivership. The steamers were bought from the shipping board.

### Certain German officials have told a Berlin correspondent that Germany would not not accept membership in the league if it were offered; that she now contemplates demanding a new peace conference, or at least an interpretation and revision of the existing treaty favorable to her claims.

Berlin holds that a definite sum for reparations must be fixed, and feels that the coal delivery demands are too severe and are the sole cause for unemployment and labor disturbances in Germany. The Germans also hope that the Danzig corridor will be restored to them, and that they will be given some colonial mandates.

An interesting story from Munich sets forth the luminance of a new revolution in Bavaria which is to make an independent state of that second largest state of the German confederation and the creation of a regency, probably to be followed by the selection of one of the Wittelsbach family as king.

It is planned, also, that Bavaria shall enter into an agreement with France to guarantee her independence and obtain relief from her part of the German war burden. The story, which is plausible, says the real ruler of Bavaria is Doctor Eckerich, founder of the Bavarian home militia, whose armed strength is about 100,000; that he is backed by the former German staff officers and monarchists, chief of whom is General Ludendorff, and that Ludendorff probably would be chosen regent. Eckerich has refused to disarm his militia, and it is expected the entente will soon threaten to occupy the Ruhr basin in consequence. When this is done, according to the plot, the workers, socialists and communists will declare a general strike and in the ensuing conflict the coup d'état will be accomplished.

Having crushed Baron Wrangel and expelled him and his troops from the Crimea, the Bolsheviks are now turning their efforts to the resumption of trade with other nations. And its chances for recognition also are vastly improved. Most governments realized some time ago that Russian Bolshevism was not to be destroyed by armed opposition, especially from the outside; and nearly all except France believed that it would be useless to give aid to the factions within Russia that were in rebellion against Lenin and Trotsky. Even the leaders of the Bolshevism in Russia have long maintained that position and asserted that the best thing to do was to recognize the Moscow government, or at least let it alone, and that ultimately, having nothing to fight, Bolshevism must fall. It seems likely that this view of the problem will now become general.

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## BIG MAIL THEFT SOLVED BY U. S.

Seven More Men Arrested at Council Bluffs—Loot Found in Chicken House.

### ONE OF THIEVES CONFESSES

Two Negroes Held in Connection With Great Train Robbery—Federal Officers Say Case Is Now Completed.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Nov. 22.—Seven more arrests, one confession, the recovery of a large amount of money, all in \$10 bills, and the discovery of an automobile have resulted in the clearing up of the mystery surrounding the \$3,500,000 mail car robbery in the local yards Saturday night.

Two of the men, T. A. Daly and H. A. Reed, are white, and the others are negroes. The money was recovered from the chicken house of the Daly home, following the confession of Reed. Reed rooms at the Daly home. The negroes arrested are members of the John Bell family and are held in connection with one mail sack not yet recovered.

Reed was arrested at 7:30 o'clock last night, following his implication in the case by Fred Poffenberger. He was taken to the federal building and put through a severe grilling and at length gave information which led to the arrest of Daly, at whose home he had been living.

The money which was recovered by the investigators with the arrest of Daly and Reed, was in ten-dollar bills, but officials this morning had not made public the total amount.

Federal officials announced that the case had now been completed to all intents and purposes. The ten persons under arrest will be given a hearing before United States Commissioner W. A. Byers. They are now in the tower of the federal building.

The car, a Maxwell, was found in a rented garage, but a few blocks from the scene of the robbery. The number on the engine had been tampered with.

It appears now that Reed was the brains of the gang. Reed and Daly are each forty-five years of age. Daly has been working at the Omaha Grain exchange, but Reed has been unemployed the last few weeks.

Mrs. Daly insists that Reed was at the Daly home the night of the robbery. Developments seem to show that he was leader of the gang, with Poffenberger as his lieutenant, and that the latter with Phillips did the work.

According to Mrs. Daly, who is the wife of the man under arrest, Poffenberger brought the money to their home early Sunday morning wrapped in packages as currency is handled at banks.

"I asked him if that was the money taken at the robbery Saturday night, but they just laughed. I said I was going to have company during the afternoon, and I didn't want any officers coming in. Then they went out to the garage and hid the stuff in a sack."

"I overheard them say that they had burned everything in the sacks but the money."

"That evening my husband moved the money from the garage to the chicken coop."

"Next morning Fred Poffenberger came to our home and took away about \$10,000, saying, 'I'm going to get honest-to-goodness money. I'm afraid this stuff is marked.'"

"My husband knows nothing of the case. He and Mr. Reed were home the night of the robbery."

**U. S. RAIDS OHIO BREWERIES**  
Plants at Cincinnati Face Seizure if Tests Prove Violation of Prohibition Law.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 22.—Important developments are expected to follow raids made by federal prohibition agents on eleven breweries and approximately 100 saloons.

The raids were conducted by 35 prohibition agents brought here from northern Ohio points by Supervising Federal Prohibition Agent Thomas E. Stone of Baltimore, officer in charge of the Ohio-Maryland division.

**BRITISH M. P. GETS 6 MONTHS**  
Lieutenant Colonel Malone, Liberal Member of the House, Sentenced for Seditious Utterances.

London, Nov. 22.—Lieut. Col. L. Esdras Malone, liberal member of the house of commons, who was arrested in Dublin November 10 for alleged seditious utterances, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

**Laves \$100,000 for Animals.**  
New York, Nov. 20.—Bequests of \$200,000 to the Actors' Fund of America and \$100,000 to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals are contained in the will of Gen. Rush C. Hawkins.

**Soldier Killed Near Limerick.**  
London, Nov. 20.—According to news which reached here, an attack on an aerodrome guard at Barrowmore near Limerick, was beaten off after one soldier was killed and another seriously wounded.

**Oregon Invites Stephens.**  
Washington, Nov. 19.—Gov. William D. Stephens received a telegram from General Oregon, President-elect of Mexico, inviting him to be present at the presidential inauguration at Mexico City December 1.

**Britain Receives German Dyes.**  
Washington, Nov. 19.—The total quantity of synthetic dyes, including intermediates, received in Great Britain from Germany in the first nine months of this year was 1,574 tons, valued at about \$250,000.

**Fishermen Lost in Gale.**  
St. John, N. F., Nov. 18.—Two fishermen were reported drowned and four others missing in the wreck of the schooner Lord Blossoms at Dancing cove, in a westerly gale which is sweeping the coast.

**Holland's U. S. Minister Resigns.**  
The Hague, Holland, Nov. 18.—J. T. Cromer, Dutch minister to the United States, has tendered his resignation to Queen Wilhelmina. Poor health is given as the reason for the resignation.

## DR. JAMES P. WARBASSE



Dr. James P. Warbasse is president of the Cooperative League of America, which has just held its second national convention in Cincinnati.

## U. S. WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

Potatoes and Apples Decline at Chicago—Wheat and Corn Lower—Live Stock Also, Down.

### WEEKLY MARKETGRAM

Washington, Nov. 20.—Week Ended November 19th. FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.—Northern potatoes steady at \$2.00 to \$2.05 per 100 lbs. sacked, with weak tone prevailing at the close. Carrots, Chicago, declined 10c to \$1.00. Jobbing prices in other midwestern markets steady at \$1.15 to \$1.20. Receipts light at western New York shipping points, round white stock steady at \$2 to \$2.10. Shipments from Maine and northern states decreasing. Apple receipts falling off at western New York shipping points. Apples, Baldwin, \$1.15 per barrel. Apples, York, steady in consuming markets, mostly at \$1.10 to \$1.15.

**HAY AND FEED—**Hay market weak in East. Receipts more than ample to take care of requirements in that section. Buyers reluctant to buy, because prevailing prices are still 10c per cent higher than before the war, while prices of feed and grain are gradually declining to pre-war levels. Prices practically unchanged. No. 1 timothy, New York, \$4.00, Philadelphia, \$3.75, Chicago, \$3.50.

**GRAIN—**Wheat markets displayed a steady tone and advancing tendency until 11th, when reported purchases of three cargoes Canadian wheat weakened confidence in prices and recessions set in. On the 17th and 18th, Great weakness in corn was additional influence. Flour stocks in hands of important bakers and dealers small. Heavy stocks of wheat at Fort William, Ont., cannot be moved as farmer-owners are holding. Stocks of wheat small at American terminal markets.

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## ORDERS FARMERS TO GO ON STRIKE

National Union Urges Nationwide Holdup of All Products From Farms.

### SEE BILLION DOLLAR LOSS

Ban Ordered on Selling Until Prices Reach "Profit-Making Levels"—Reduction of Production Threatened Unless Prices Are Adjusted.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 20.—A nationwide producers' strike to combat the falling prices of farm products was urged in a call sent out by the National Farmers' Association of the United States throughout the country.

The call, in the form of a resolution adopted at the national convention of the organization, which represents producers of grain, cotton, wool and live stock, said a number \$50,000,000. The proposed strike was urged in retaliation for what the convention considered abnormal deflation in prices of farm products, through which it was asserted American farmers have been robbed of \$1,000,000,000 in reduced value of products now on hand. All farmers were appealed to to hold this year's production from the markets until "profit-making levels" were restored.

The action of the National Farmers' union was in line with a "wheat strike" called several weeks ago by the Wheat Growers' Association of the United States. Delegates asserted a considerable quantity of this year's wheat crop was being held off the market.

Reduction of production in the future was threatened "unless the prices of our products are fairly readjusted to the extent that we may obtain just returns for our labors and investments." It was another resolution approved by the convention.

Officials of the organization pointed out that members were not under obligation to obey the terms of the strike, but expressed the belief that such a movement would be effective.

A conference of representatives of all farmers' organizations of the country was called to meet in St. Louis December 16 to consider the creation of a national farm marketing board.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 20.—A movement to restore the war finance corporation, with \$1,000,000,000 capitalization, as a positive and immediate way of restoring grain